

Small Group Questions

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Series: Faith Works

Message: "Here Today Gone Tomorrow"

Introduction

We are continuing the serious Faith Works. It's a closer look at the book of James and what it is saying to us. "Here today Gone Tomorrow, is a common express that many have heard. No one doubts that we should plan ahead for our lives. It is reckless to not have some sort of plan for our lives or a direction we are looking to go. However, this plan should at a minimum have room for the presence of God. We can make our own plans and expectations of how we should make a living, but all of us must be okay with God's intervention and involvement in our life.

Big Idea: **Our lives might be short but our impact is eternal**

Three main points to remember when look at this passage.

1. Life is Uncertain...Life changes
2. Life is Short
3. Our Impact is Eternal

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. Have you every had to cancel plans? When and Why?
2. When did God show up expectedly in your life?

(Questions based on the primary text)

Read James 4:13-17.

3. Where is the balance in recognizing life is a vapor and not becoming depressed?
4. Obviously, we cannot do everything. How can I know what God wants *me* to do?
5. What plan do you have for the future, career, marriage, etc? Is this plan based in what you feel and want or God's direction? How do the two motivations differ
6. What are some of the challenges and pressures in figuring out our future plan with God? What encouragement do you have for others going through the same thing?
7. What does James means when he talks about boasting in your own arrogance? What does it mean to boast in your own arrogance? Have you ever been guilty of doing this?
8. In what ways does following God for our future and security reveal and display the faith we have in Him?